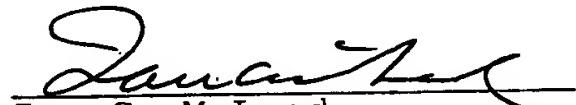


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REMARKS

In reference to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2006, enclosed is a Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 by Dr. Pinnavaia, one of the inventors. The Declaration establishes that the alumina claimed in the above referenced application is quite different than that described by Stamires et al, a new reference. The claimed alumina would not be obvious to one skilled in the art from this reference since the reference would not produce the claimed alumina. Reconsideration of the rejection over this reference is requested.

Respectfully,

  
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